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Tension in North as terrorists shell school

Jerusalem Post Reporter KIRYAT SHMONA. — High tension continues to grip the entire northern border region after the fifth consecutive day of terrorist bombardment of the area.

New policy on Lebanese border: Army will hit civilian centres to stop terror

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post Military Correspondent NAZARETH. — Israel has adopted an aggressive policy in Southern Lebanon which includes bombardment of civilian concentrations there.

concentrations it is hoped that three basic aims will be achieved: that the villages will organize to get the terrorists out, and thus out of rocket range of Israel; that pressure will be brought on the Beirut government to control the terrorists; that it will become as difficult as possible for the terrorists to operate with their organizational infrastructure coming under fire.

Dayan warns local Arabs they will 'pay very dearly' for 'fanatical Islam'

By DAVID LANDAU Post Diplomatic Correspondent Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan yesterday warned Israeli Arabs, and those of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, that if they allowed themselves to be "carried away by the mood of fanatical Islam," they would "pay very dearly for it."

Dayan's strong words seemed to surprise his audience of Israeli Prime Minister's Conference at the Jerusalem Hilton. But there was applause which he said "We are not foreign rulers," and the foreign minister received a polite ovation at the end of his address.

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Eleven-year-old Liat Sela appears worried as she awaits a move by Victor Korchnoi, during an exhibition chess tournament with the exiled Soviet master on Monday night at Jerusalem's Beit Ha'am.

PNC session fails to solve key issues

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter The Palestine National Council ended eight stormy days of discussions in Damascus early yesterday without having agreed on the formation of a new executive committee — one of the key issues the 200 members had hoped to resolve.

Instead, the council — the highest policy-making body of the Palestine Liberation Organization — voted to retain the current 15-member composition of the committee, thus entrenching the position of PLO chairman and Fatah chief Yasser Arafat and apparently rebuffing the challenge to him by rejectionist Palestinian groups.

The decision not to change the composition of the executive committee — responsible for PLO policy and funding — means that George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine will still not be represented on the body, which it left in 1974 over a policy dispute with Arafat.

Burg sends back report on Ramle Prison escape

By YORAM BAR Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday returned the interim report by the committee investigating the escape of eight convicts from Ramle Prison on January 18 to Prisons Commissioner Gundaar Haim Levy.

Burg asked for explanation and clarification of various points in the report which were not sufficiently clear and for more information on the issues not investigated at all by the committee.

NEWSBEAT/Black Hebrews V A settlement for the cult?

By DAVID RICHARDSON "In Dimona, where the total population is 25,000, we cannot ignore the presence of 1,000 Black Hebrews today, and maybe double that number in five years."

complaints about the noise they make, the overcrowded apartments, the overflowing sewers, and the decline in property values.

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who were equally anxious to resolve the dilemma, preferably by being relocated in an agricultural settlement of their own.

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Cabinet seen giving Atherton green light

By DAVID LANDAU Post Diplomatic Correspondent The cabinet is expected to endorse today the new formulations on two legal-textual points in the draft treaty with Egypt, which were hammered out during the past week of painstaking negotiations between U.S. special envoy Alfred Atherton and a team of Israeli officials.

On Article 4, as first reported in The Jerusalem Post last week, Israel has in effect accepted the Egyptian contention that the review of security arrangements in Sinai must be mandatory.

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The special envoy met with the premier and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan for over an hour yesterday, between working sessions with Dr. Eliahu Ben-Eliasar and his three legal specialists.

On Article 5(v), the U.S. will send (Continued on back page, col. 1)

Carter wants 'stable ME'

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — U.S. President Jimmy Carter last night stressed the "strategic importance" to the U.S. of "a stable Middle East."

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Sports ban on Pretoria withdrawn

Jerusalem Post Staff Agencies TEL AVIV. — A stormy meeting of the 25-member plenary of the Israel Olympic Committee (IOC) last night rejected the statement made on Sunday night on behalf of the IOC presidium, breaking off all sporting relations with South Africa.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Yitzhak Navon yesterday received the chief rabbi of Italy, Elilo Toaff, and his wife. The president also received Mario Carazo, son of the president of Costa Rica, Odio Carazo.

Syria-Iraq merger meeting put off

Jerusalem Post Reporter Reliable sources in Damascus confirmed yesterday the decision of the joint Syrian-Iraqi political committee, which was due to take place under the aegis of Syrian President Hafez Assad and Iraqi President Ahmed al-Baker, in Damascus today has been postponed until next week.

Bible quiz starts

The first stage of the 17th annual Bible quiz for youth begins in nine centres throughout the country today. More than 300 boys and girls, average age 16, are participating.

Meeting fails to end strike at 'Ha'aretz'

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The management and printers of the daily newspaper 'Ha'aretz' met yesterday in an effort to end the strike of the 'Ha'aretz' printers, now in its sixth day.

LATINS STUDYING

Twenty-one participants from 13 Latin American countries are studying rural community development and organization of cooperatives at the Mount Carmel International Training Centre in Haifa.

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WELCOME DAVID and BERNICE LANDSBERG esteemed shareholders on their visit to Israel.

Sharon's farm still unmanaged New body to see if ministers keep rules

By ASHER WALLFISH Jerusalem Post Reporter Premier Menachem Begin announced yesterday that an independent public committee would be set up to review the rules on ministerial conflict of interest.

The Prime Minister's Office announced that because the rules have been in effect for a year since the government first endorsed them, it was time to draw conclusions from the experience amassed. Hence Begin would ask his ministers to appoint such a review committee, to see how the Asher Committee rules were being applied.

The public committee would also be asked to set up a body independent of the government to rule on special cases. This new move, which was not hinted at in Sunday's tendentious cabinet communiqué, reflects Begin's realization that the cabinet is embarrassed by the need to change its own rules on conflict of interest, because the case of Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon does not fit into the self-imposed restrictions to which all the other ministers bowed, with difficulty, in most cases.

Sunday's cabinet communiqué claimed, without the slightest truth, that the idea of appointing a special manager to Sharon's Negev ranch was made in consultation with the state comptroller. The communiqué also claimed, tentatively, that the idea of a special farm manager would enable the Asher Committee rules to be upheld. However, at yesterday's session of the Knesset State Control Committee, the two officials best qualified to decide both held that the farm manager proposal did not fit in with the Asher Committee rules. The attorney-general, Prof. Yitzhak Zamir, and the state comptroller, Dr. Yitzhak Nebenzahl, both agreed that the new arrangement fixed by the cabinet on Sunday was 'a deviation' from the original contract.

Weizman: Talks in last stage

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman said last night that he thinks the talks with Egypt will continue, despite the tension on the northern border, and that the negotiations are in the very final stages before the achievement of a peace agreement. He said the gap between the two sides is 'very small.'

He said, 'We are engaged at the moment with, perhaps, technical subjects.' A team has been discussing these subjects for a week already, and 'I hope, and am nearly convinced, that we'll reach a peace agreement with Egypt, in the spirit we have been desiring and working towards during the past year.'

Weizman was interviewed on Israel Television last night. The minister added that both Israel and Egypt must bear in mind that peace between the two countries would leave 'difficult, basic and serious problems unresolved.'

Germans confronted with own past in 'Holocaust'

BONN. — The U.S.-made television film 'Holocaust' confronted the Germans with their own past on Monday night during a telecast in which squads of police guarded television stations and transmitters against threatened attacks by violent neo-Nazi groups.

Reactions to the showing — as recorded by the 5,200 West Germans who phoned the Cologne TV station in response to the station's request for calls — ranged from hostility to deep emotion. 'I was at Buchenwald,' said a former prisoner of the Nazis. 'What was shown was mild compared to my experiences.'

'Why drag all this up again 30 years after the war?' asked a woman who was only four years old in 1945 when World War II ended. 'Why didn't the Allies intervene earlier against Hitler?' queried another viewer.

Another viewer criticized the producers of the programme. 'I feel ashamed of the people who made this programme to make money,' he said.

An estimated one-third of the callers objected to the showing of the two-hour 20-minute instalment of the film on the grounds that it 'unnecessarily opens old wounds' and 'undermines Germany's international reputation.' Most of these calls came during the first half-hour. Thereafter the tone of the calls changed until, at the end, weeping men and women called in to say they were ashamed of the crimes committed in Germany's name.

Sex institute has plenty of patients

Jerusalem Post Reporter There is already a waiting time of two weeks for patients referred to the newly established Institute for Sex Therapy, Education and Research, Ami Sha'ked, head of the institute, said in Tel Aviv this week.

The Defence Ministry, the National Insurance Institute, and the various sick funds are among the bodies he said which are sending people to his institute, which is located in the Sir Ludwig Guttmann Centre near the Sheba Medical Centre outside Tel Aviv.

Complaints about police found to be 26% true

'Only' 26 per cent of citizens' complaints about the use of force by the police proved justified, Interior Minister Yosef Burg told the Knesset yesterday in reply to a parliamentary question by Moshe Katsav (Likud-Herut).

SPORTS BAN WITHDRAWN

'South Africa aims to return to the Olympic community, and this Israeli decision out of the blue has come as a most unwelcome blow,' the ambassador declared. The president decision seems to have been taken to ease Israel's participation in the Moscow Olympics, he added.

South African sports officials in Johannesburg expressed mixed feelings on the IOC's decision. Sports Minister Frederik de Klerk said yesterday that the action was 'a complete surprise.'

But Gert le Roux, secretary of the South African Amateur Athletics Union, commented: 'I suppose it was to be expected — they are obviously under duress and are out to safeguard their position in the Moscow Olympics.'

In Moscow, a Soviet commentator yesterday condemned the president decision as hypocritical. Alexander Bokhonko, writing for the official news agency Tass, said racism in South Africa existed in fields other than sport, but there was no sign of any Israeli protest.



Police grapple with angry owners of shops at the unfinished Tel Aviv central bus station, who occupied the Transport Ministry offices yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

Shop owners riot in protest against TA bus station delay

Jerusalem Post Staff About 50 frustrated store owners in Tel Aviv's new central bus station, half-completed for four years, rampaged through Transport Ministry offices yesterday.

Demonstrators, claiming that 'our life savings went down the drain,' were arrested after destroying office furniture and refusing to leave the premises. Police say they plan to prosecute. The stores were purchased from the Kikar Levinsky firm, which collapsed in 1975. It in turn was owned by the contractor Arye Pilz (50 per cent), Egged (35 per cent) and Solal Boneh (15 per cent).

50 pre-fab houses erected at Shilo

Jerusalem Post Reporter Fifty pre-fabricated houses were recently erected in the controversial Gush Erez encampment at Shilo. New roads are being built and an electric network is being installed there, Israel Television reported last night.

The government had originally claimed that the Gush Erez encampment was a halfway stage between Ramatallah and Netivot, an archaeological expedition. But the settlers denied it.

South African olim arrive via Suez

Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — The first olim to arrive through the Suez Canal in many years, a group of 14 newcomers from South Africa, arrived here on the Greek liner Oceano yesterday morning.

The ship also brought 100 South African tourists, who will return to their country by air. Also among the passengers was an Israeli citizen, Eliezer Jessupovich, 31, a member of the ship's casino staff. His 'gamble' of going through the canal on an Israeli passport before peace is signed paid off without any trouble.

Ambassador to Italy presents credentials

ROME. — The new ambassador to Italy, Moshe Alton, yesterday presented his credentials to Italian President Sandro Pertini. Alton, who previously served as the deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry, fills the vacancy left by the death last August of Ze'ev Shek. Meanwhile, a delegation led by Sergio Romano, director-general of cultural and scientific cooperation at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is now in Israel at the head of a delegation negotiating a new cultural and scientific cooperation agreement between Israel and Italy.

ARMY TO HIT TERROR CENTRES

(Continued from page 1) queted a cease-fire — the first ever in the nine months they have been in the area. Wolf Blitzer adds from Washington: The U.S. yesterday expressed concern over the latest round of fighting between Israeli and Palestinian forces in Southern Lebanon.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said that the fighting not only 'threatens lives' but also increases 'tension in this sensitive area.' He urged 'maximum restraint' on all the parties to the conflict, adding that Washington was 'highly concerned' about the reported flight of civilians from Southern Lebanon.

PNC SESSION FAILS

(Continued from page 1) plosion of Ali Salameh, 'Abu Hassan', Fatah security chief and a close aide and personal friend of Arafat, who returned to the Lebanese capital yesterday to head inquiries into the occurrence. A PLO statement in Beirut said yesterday that the Israeli intelligence service carried out the assassination. The ugly crime shall not go unpunished. And the Palestinian news agency WAF blamed the killing on Israel and 'allied groups' — an apparent reference to Lebanese Christian militias.

But Christian leaders rapidly issued statements condemning the killing and praising Salameh as an honest leader possibly fearing that the assassination might inflame the atmosphere in an already tense Beirut. They also claimed that Salameh died as a result of Palestinian factional feuding.

El Al boss Hod quits

By BARUCH SAVILLE Post Aviation Reporter TEL AVIV. — El Al general manager Aluf (res.) Mordechai Hod submitted his resignation yesterday 14 months after assuming the post.

In a letter addressed to Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich and Transport Minister Haim Landau, with a copy also sent to El Al executive chairman Mordchai Ben-Ari, Hod briefly explained the reasons for his resignation: 'It is now clear,' Hod wrote 'that all my endeavours and my struggle to put El Al back on the right track have failed to produce the desired results. Therefore, in view of the circumstances, I am faced with no alternative but to tender my resignation. I cannot and am not prepared to continue as general manager.'

Hod requested that his resignation become effective as soon as possible. At a specially convened meeting of the El Al board of directors last night, Hod was asked to reconsider his decision and withdraw his resignation. El Al currently faces one of the worst financial crises in its 30 years of existence. In the present fiscal year, which ends on March 31, the airline stands to register a loss of \$20m or more.

Increased competition from charters and other low-cost flights — and, as of April, a third carrier (National Airlines) on the lucrative North Atlantic route in competition with El Al and TWA — could cause El Al's financial position to deteriorate further. Also to start in April, for the first time, are charters out of Canada, operated by the huge Wardair charter company, which could spell ruin for El Al's Canadian operation.

At the time of the 20-day El Al shutdown last April, which resulted in a loss of \$11m, Hod said that the airline that cannot rely on its flight schedule 'has no future.' This led to the numerous sanctions and strike action by the company's maintenance and line men.

New threat to poison Israeli oranges

STOCKHOLM (UPI). — The Swedish government yesterday alerted food control authorities after receiving a letter from the 'Arab Revolutionary Army' threatening to poison Israeli oranges unless Sweden stopped importing oranges from Israel.

Agriculture Minister Eric Ehud said after a two-hour emergency meeting with food administration authorities that the government viewed the threat seriously. The letter, postmarked London, 'contained a threat to inject mercury or other lethal poisons into Israeli produce throughout the citrus fruit season,' an agriculture ministry spokesman said. In January last year, in a similar letter to 18 governments, the group warned that mercury had been injected into oranges by its agents in Israel. Last year's letter also called for an international orange boycott damaging Israeli orange exports, although police never established whether the group's claims were founded.

Moshe Shavit, head of Agroprom, the agriculture export company of Israel, said yesterday: 'I have never heard of any such thing up to now, and I don't believe it is true. Up to now sales are going all right. European buyers have nothing to say because Israeli produce is well protected from the time it leaves Israel until it reaches the stores in Europe.'

Two die suddenly in Ashkelon synagogue

Jerusalem Post Reporter ASHKELON. — When cantor Rahamim Cohen, 63, suddenly collapsed at the pulpit in the Tunisian synagogue in the Shimonon quarter here on Sunday, sexton Zion Cohen, 56, tried to help him. But the sexton, too, suddenly appeared to feel ill and collapsed at the pulpit next to the cantor. Efforts to revive the two failed, who were pronounced dead on arrival at the local hospital, where they have opened an investigation, said they believe both men died of heart attacks.

CARTER WANTS 'STABLE ME'

(Continued from page 1) precious opportunity for lasting peace between Israel and Egypt will not be lost. He said: 'Our firm commitment to Israel's survival and security is rooted in our deepest convictions and in our knowledge of the strategic importance to our nation of a stable Middle East.'

Carter's reference to America's strategic interests in the Middle East was significant because he related it to 'a stable Middle East' rather than merely to Israel, as he had done earlier this month. Earlier this month, during remarks at a White House ceremony in which he received Israel Ambassador Ephraim Eylon, Carter stressed the strategic importance of the shift was apparently the result of an internal debate within the administration. Some officials who tried to dismiss or belittle Israel's strategic importance, and the president's diplomatic sentence was apparently a sort of compromise between the two different schools of thought here.

TENSION HIGH IN NORTH

(Continued from page 1) additional shelters and other civil defence measures. Ben-Gal also visited other affected areas in the North, and spoke to soldiers in the front line. About 200 residents of Kiryat Shmona demonstrated outside the town hall in the afternoon, shouting slogans demanding better security measures for the town. Some demanded that townspeople demonstrate outside the Knesset. Industry Minister Gideon Patt visited Kiryat Shmona yesterday, arriving between Katyusha bombardments. He met with the town council and announced that Prime Minister Menachem Begin intends to visit the town soon, in response to a request from the council. Acting Mayor Shmuel Ohana proposed that the cabinet hold a meeting in Kiryat Shmona, together with the town council, on the town's security problems. A Katyusha shell fell in Western Galilee yesterday, without causing injury or damage. Nahariya residents went into shelters and school activities were halted.

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Secure Israel vital to free world, says Ford

By JUDY SEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Breaking a two-day silence on his opinion about Washington's policy in the Middle East, former U.S. president Gerald Ford said yesterday that America should fulfill its commitment to Israel and ensure the military strength of the only democracy in the area.

In a luncheon held in his honor by Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, Ford said that a secure Israel is important to the free nations of the world.

"You can see how much a private citizen, Gerald Ford, is loved by all of us — not because of the title that precedes the name but because of the name that follows the title," Lahat told the former president. The mayor presented Ford with an artifact from the eighth century BCE, and Lahat's wife Ziva gave Betty Ford a Yemenite pendant.

Earlier in the day, in the military helicopter that took him and his 20-person entourage to Masada, the Golan Heights and Tel Aviv, Ford sat near the cockpit listening through earphones to comments by an IDF officer about the scenery and geography below. The bird's-eye view of Israel's pre-1967 narrow waist seemed to make an impression on Ford, who asserted during the tour that one had to see the country to understand its concerns.

Dr. Roni Shashkin, one of the archaeologists who took part in the Masada dig, guided Ford through the excavations atop the fortress where 980 Jews committed suicide rather than become Roman slaves.

"It's an inspirational site... Now I see why it would inspire the present generation of Jewish people to fight for their homeland and the principles they now espouse that are based on those of the past," Ford said. He added that he "hoped" another Masada-like event would not occur in Jewish history.

Shashkin presented Ford with a rare photograph of catapult boulders that were apparently used by the Romans in the fight against the Jewish zealots on Masada. The archaeologists have reburied the rocks so that "no one walks off with them," Shashkin said.

The visit was cut short by a sudden downpour over Masada — a rare occurrence in the Dead Sea area.

The helicopter then flew to an observation point on the Syrian border, where Ford said he could appreciate the strategic significance of the Golan Heights. But he was unwilling to say to which country it should belong. His successor, Jimmy Carter, said after visiting the Golan in 1978 as a private citizen that he would agree to give up the Golan if he were prime minister of Israel.

Ford told reporters earlier in the tour that he would decide "by September" whether to run for the presidency in 1980.

The Ford entourage was scheduled to fly to Amman today. He spent the night at the residence of U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis in Herzliya.



Former U.S. president Gerald Ford peers over one of the Masada embankments as he listens to an explanation about the site from archaeologist Roni Shashkin.

Calls for action against signers of pro-PLO cable

Jerusalem Post Staff

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer will today answer motions for the agenda in the Knesset concerning the week's cable of support for the PLO's "struggle" against the "Zionist entity," sent by Israeli Arab students to the Palestine National Council meeting in Damascus.

Hammer was urged by Hebrew University Student Union leader Moshe Schiff on Sunday to endorse legislation aimed at prohibiting admission of PLO supporters to the country's universities.

Knesset Members Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP), Amnon Linn (Likud), Shoshana Arbelli-Almozilino (Labour), Meir Pa'il (Sheli) and Shulamit Aloni (CRM) are scheduled to address the assembly on the issue.

Tel Aviv University officials refused to comment on a letter from Jewish students demanding that the cable's signers be barred from classes. "Though we understand that the text of such a letter appeared in the newspapers, we have not yet received the original," said one official.

The National Association of Arab Students in Haifa yesterday distributed a press release denouncing the cable. The association, it stated, stands for a "just peace for the Palestinian and Jewish peoples withdrawal from all territories occupied in 1967, a sovereign Palestinian state and recognition of the PLO as representative of the Palestine Arab nation."

A spokesman for Ben-Gurion University of the Negev yesterday stated that none of the university's students had signed the controversial cable. He added that had any done so, the university would have taken action against them.

Arab members of the Labour Party's Young Guard also condemned the cable of support to the PLO. They regarded the letter as "grave," coming from students studying at state-subsidized universities and living in a country in which they enjoy equality.

A Haifa Labour Council member said, "The public should know that not all young Arabs agree with their step."

New bill proposes more cash for parties

Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset Interior Committee yesterday approved a revised private members' bill — sponsored by members of the three largest parties — on the financing of last November's municipal elections.

The new bill would give them even more money than provided for in a revised January 15 draft.

The January 15 draft in turn was more generous than a bill that passed its preliminary reading in the Knesset on January 1.

The approved retroactive financing bill, presented by representatives of the Likud, the Alignment and the National Religious Party, was approved on Monday by a special Interior Committee subcommittee headed by MK Tamar Eshel (Alignment).

One main change introduced on Monday states that a list affiliated with a "mother party" (i.e., a party represented in the Knesset) will not be required to return the advance payment it received if it polled at least 50 per cent of the votes needed to elect one council member. The original bill required refund of the advance payment if the list did not elect a single councillor.

A second change, stemming from the first, raises the amount of the money to be shared in each local authority from 225 per cent of the number of eligible voters to 315 per cent.

Under the earlier revisions, if no ceiling had been established, each party could have claimed the per capita payment for every eligible voter. Thus, if there were six lists competing for 30,000 votes, each list could have claimed the head payment for the 30,000.

A third change provides for very easy payment for the refund that parties must make in the event of an unfavourable report by the state comptroller with respect to their adherence to the law.

Ehrlich stresses role of Israel Bonds

Post Knesset Reporter

When peace with Egypt is achieved, Israel will have to mobilize even more funds through the Bond campaign than heretofore, Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich said in the Knesset yesterday.

He was presenting for its first reading a bill authorizing the government to float a sixth development issue of State of Israel Bonds in the amount of \$1b.

Present in the visitors' gallery were Americans and Canadians from 51 different communities here for the 1978 Prime Minister's Israel Bond Conference.

Ehrlich said that when peace is achieved, large-scale development of the Negev will be necessary; and, in general, peace at the outset will impose a heavy economic burden on Israel.

Since Israel Bonds were first issued in 1951, over \$4b. worth have been sold. Without the extensive infrastructure that these funds helped the state to establish and develop, the development of Israel's export over the past years would have been impossible, Ehrlich said.

Former Transport Minister Meir Amit (Shai), speaking in the debate, suggested that Bond proceeds, instead of being mixed in the general revenue "savings" should be earmarked for specific projects — for example, the establishment of a private telephone company.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

LOTTO — The winning numbers in yesterday's weekly Lotto drawing were 1, 7, 9, 21, 23 and 37. The extra number was 14. The top prize was IL2,185,223.

Teenage murderer gets six years

TEL AVIV (Him) — A six-year jail sentence was imposed yesterday on a 17-year-old youth convicted of stabbing to death a fellow student at the Beit Hanoar music workshop during a brawl last July.

Two friends of the youth, also 17, were put on two years' probation, after the Tel Aviv District Court judges decided that the two had tried to drag their friend away from the dead student.

The court decision, which in an unprecedented manner was prepared and read out in synopsis form for the press, said the two youths had sought to join the brawl and that when they saw the stabbing they tried to pull their friend away.

The ruling said they could have sentenced the killer to life imprisonment. But because he had no police record, and his behaviour in school and work was not problematic, "it was clear that this was an aberration."

RECORD — Ursula Hook of West Germany became the first woman to run an indoor 800-metres race in less than 2 minutes, at an athletics meet in Dortmund this week, when she clocked 1:59.9 to top seven-tenths of a second off the old world record held by Ulrike Bruns of East Germany.

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Gafny must resign, Herut Knesset boss demands

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Haim Kaufman MK, chairman of the Herut Knesset faction, yesterday called on the governor of the Bank of Israel, Arnon Gafny, to resign. Kaufman told The Jerusalem Post that Gafny had failed as the government's economic adviser. He intended to take the matter up with Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich.

Gafny said last night he has no intention of resigning.

Kaufman accused Gafny of allowing the effect of the reforms of the new economic policy of October 1977 to become eroded.

Gafny reacted too slowly to the massive influx of foreign currency into the economy during the past year, Kaufman charged. Instead, the bank had concentrated on foreign currency leaving the country, while the inward flow reached flood proportions, causing an increase in the rate of inflation.

Kaufman estimated that foreign currency loans totalled an "unprecedented" \$500m-\$600m in 1978. Exchanging this money increased the rate of inflation to 10 per cent more than had been anticipated. Some \$40m. were put into index-linked bonds, which caused the national debt to grow.

Another of Kaufman's charges was that Gafny paid no attention to the advice and warnings of the Knesset Finance Committee on the monetary flood.

According to Kaufman, Gafny's preoccupation with fixing banks which exceeded the permitted liquidity limits was misplaced, because the total sum involved was only 30 per cent of the foreign currency credit entering the country. Apart from that, he said, the banks merely passed the fines on to their customers, who as a result raised the prices of their products, which, in turn, led to an increase in inflation.

Bank of Israel circles said last night that the governor has no intention whatsoever of resigning, and did not take Kaufman's demand seriously.

Gafny himself put out a statement saying that in a democratic country everyone has the right to demand the resignation of public figures, including MKs, but that Kaufman's reasons were baseless and contained "professional inaccuracies." These, he said, gave rise to suspicion about the MK's motives.

This is not the first time Kaufman has attacked the Bank of Israel without first bothering to ascertain the nature and meaning of his facts, Gafny charged. Israel's foreign currency reserves have increased by about a billion dollars since October 1977, and now stand at more than \$2.2b. It was unusual, Gafny said, to demand resignations against a background of increased currency reserves.

102-Vietnam refugees to arrive today

AFULA — Residents of Afula are preparing to welcome 102 Vietnamese refugees, due to arrive at the absorption centre here today.

Rooms, cake, medical aid, warm clothing and letters from Mayor Ovadia All await the refugees, members of 11 families. Over two-thirds are children.

Information arriving before them indicated that most are of Chinese origin and were educated members of South Vietnam's middle class.

At a farewell ceremony in Hongkong, Israel Ambassador Moshe Raviv told the refugees they would be going to a country very different from their tropical homeland. "But you will find it interesting, challenging and beautiful, and the people of Israel will receive you with open arms and do their best to welcome you. If you do your best, you will succeed," he said. (Him, Reuter)

In an interview published by the Chilean daily newspaper "El Mercurio," Zipori said that Israel was seeking markets for its Westwinds, Arava and Kfir planes.

But Israel needs U.S. permission to export Kfir combat aircraft because they contain some American components, Zipori told the Chileans.

Zipori: Israel willing to sell Chile military gear

SANTIAGO (Reuter) — Israel is prepared to sell Chile military equipment and give it military advice, Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zipori was quoted yesterday as saying.

Zipori ended a four-day visit to Chile last night during which he had talks with Chilean Defence Minister Raul Benavides, although his stay was designated as private.

Beit Haloheem work resumes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The War Invalids Association announced yesterday that it had resumed work on Beit Haloheem, the soldiers' recreation centre on the French Carmel.

The renewed work came in response to requests from the Brith Shalom group of friends in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who have contributed \$2m., and from war invalids in the northern area.

The association had appointed a new architect, Basilei Rod, as a successor to prize-winning architect David Yannai.

Yannai was fired more than a year ago after he claimed that a police report about alleged overcharging by the contractors in league with City Hall it reaches the personnel.

Yesterday association national chairman Shlomo Lador and his colleagues told the press that the damages suit the association filed in the District Court against Yannai for breach of contract specifically for failure to prepare detailed construction plans for the contractor in time — was open-ended. The claim for IL20m. damages could swell to IL30m. or more, by the time the project is finished, he said. Completion is now scheduled for May 1980.

The organization's spokesman complained bitterly that "nobody has ever asked us for our side of the dispute over Beit Haloheem." The public committee raising funds for David Yannai hasn't asked either why we had to dismiss him from his post (as architect supervisor), MK Amnon Rubinstein has even prejudged the court cases now pending by proposing a private bill in the Knesset.

Ramot road Shabbat drivers invited to Friday night dinner

By ABRAHAM HANINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Orthodox residents of the Kiryat Zanz quarter will attempt to dissuade residents of Ramot from driving on the Sabbath by inviting them to a Friday night dinner.

The new tactic was outlined by Rabbi Mordechai Kraushinsky, a leader of the Kiryat Zanz neighbourhood committee.

"We will invite as many as want to come to spend a Sabbath with us and learn the meaning of the Sabbath," he said. "We will also send two different delegations of our people to Ramot to carry on an information programme among residents there."

He noted that some 80 per cent of Ramot residents had voted for We have no religious parties in the last election and he surmised that the religious population of the new quarter was even higher.

Poor people protest housing shortage

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Representatives of the country's underprivileged neighbourhoods met in Jerusalem yesterday to protest the government's failure to solve the national housing problem.

Thirty representatives from neighbourhood committees throughout the country charged that the year's budget will allow only half of the building permits originally planned. They said that even if the full number of planned building permits were made, it still would not answer the country's needs.

They also charged that public funds are being wasted by subsidizing contractors to build rental housing. The rents for those buildings are too expensive for the residents who needed them most, they said.

Claims were also aired that new immigrants had purchased flats and left the country, renting them at prices too steep for the underprivileged. Private owners and contractors, the representatives claimed, were leaving thousands of flats empty as speculative investments.

The representatives said they are planning a national protest on the housing problem.

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Gov't upset at fuss over Iran Jewry

The Prime Minister's Office expressed regret yesterday that some Iranian Jews have chosen to publicize government and Jewish Agency activities on their behalf.

The activities would be better kept quiet, the office felt. Persian Jews can leave the country if they wish even now, the press release said.

The office accused Alignment leaders of trying to make political capital out of Iranian Jewry's hardship by criticizing the government's quiet handling of the matter, but added that it had not opposed MK Arye Eliaz's trip to Iran. The statement also included a denial that political appointees had been sent to Persia, as Alignment leaders have claimed.

HQ needed to aid Iran rescue drive

By ASHER WALLFISHER
Post Knesset Reporter

An emergency operational headquarters should be set up to coordinate all activities connected with the rescue of Iranian Jewry, the Knesset Absorption Committee resolved yesterday. The committee complained that for the past two months it had been demanding this headquarters be set up, but to no avail.

The head of Israel Radio, Hagai Pinsker, appearing at the committee, said it was impossible to know how to shape the Persian-language broadcasts so long as no such emergency headquarters existed.

In the committee, Hillel Seidel (Likud) attacked the Alignment for allegedly making political capital out of the plight of Iranian Jewry. He was referring to Yigal Alon's criticism that the Likud government had mismanaged the immigration and absorption of Iranian Jewry.

Sheep thieves panned

ASHKELON (Him) — Three Beduin were convicted of stealing over IL100,000 worth of sheep in 25 separate thefts this week. The Magistrates Court here gave them sentences ranging from 15 to 33 months in prison.

Mohammad Abu Issa, 33, and two brothers, Ahmad and Ibrahim al-Hurfi, were arrested last month and charged with 19 counts of theft. Their operation was described by police as a systematic one, affecting other shepherds in the Ashdod, Kiryat Malachi, Kiryat Gat and Ashkelon areas.

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Iran's military holds pro-shah demonstration

TEHERAN. — Officers of the Iranian armed forces, backed by a show of strength by elite imperial troops, asserted yesterday that the army would stay united and that soldiers would "shed their blood" to maintain the monarchy and the nation's civil government.

In an unusual military demonstration, held in driving wet snow near the Shah's Niavaran Palace, some 1,000 troopers of the crack Imperial Guard shouted "Long Live the Shah" as they raced across obstacle courses and paraded in goose-stepping review.

The demonstration, held mainly for foreign reporters, also featured lunging soldiers with gas masks and bayonets showing wild officials called "anti-guerrilla, anti-subversive street warfare."

The demonstration came four days before Ayatollah Khomeini, the leading opponent of the government of Prime Minister Shapur Bakhtiar, is scheduled to return to the country in an effort to replace the Bakhtiar regime with an "Islamic republic."

Meanwhile, a key political aide to Khomeini said yesterday that the religious leader definitely intends to return to Iran this week and that the "illegal Bakhtiar government" must resign or face continuing crippling strikes.

Mehdi Bazargan, a long-time human rights activist and critic of the regime of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, told reporters that Bakhtiar "cannot" return to the country, because strikes will go on and government employees will not go back to work.

And Khomeini, whose religiously inspired movement forced the shah to leave the country on an "extended

vacation," told the newspaper "Kayhan" that the monarch should be returned to Iran for trial.

"We have witnessed that thousands of youths were killed in prisons, alleys and streets, so how can we let him go?" he asked.

Anticipating possible trouble when Khomeini returns, the (British) Royal Air Force will evacuate more than 200 foreigners, including a large number of Americans, from the oil centre of Ahwaz on the advice of the Iranian military command, a British official said yesterday.

Gordon Fire, spokesman for the British embassy in Teheran, said that two C-130 transport planes would fly the group today to Bahrain on the other side of the Persian Gulf.

The Japanese embassy in Teheran has called on the 3,970 Japanese residents still in Iran to leave the trouble-plagued country, except for those who need to stay on, the Foreign Ministry said in Tokyo yesterday.

With the future in Iran still uncertain, the U.S. does not want the "vacationing" shah to come to the U.S., and his American trip has been delayed at least for the time being.

Iran's ambassador to Washington, Arbehshir Zahedi, said in interviews yesterday.

Instead, the shah and Empress Farah "may" return to Egypt after their three-day holiday in Morocco, a spokesman for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said yesterday.

The spokesman, in a statement released to the press, said that Sadat had invited the shah to return to Egypt "to spend most of his holidays and undergo medical tests" after his vacation with King Hassan II of Morocco. (AP. Reuter)

UK paralysed by blizzard, rail strike

LONDON (UPI). — Striking locomotive drivers shut down Britain's railroads for the third time in a week yesterday, and hundreds of schools were closed for the second straight day in a still mounting wave of strikes that has brought the British economy close to paralysis.

A blizzard, described by weathermen as the worst to blanket the country in 15 years, blocked highways, closed airports, played havoc with bus and subway services and added to the misery of tens of thousands of commuters struggling to work.

London commuters simply abandoned the effort to get to work and stayed away. Most stores and offices were manned only by skeleton staffs. Downtown streets were almost as deserted as on a public holiday.

The shutdown of British Rail, the state-run railroad network, to be followed by still another tomorrow, by the 25,000 train drivers, tied up the strike-plagued nation, even before it had recovered from a 24-hour walkout on Monday for higher pay by 1.5 million low-paid workers.

They included ambulance crews, hospital cleaners, porters and kitchen staffs, street cleaners and garbage collectors, public car park guards, gravediggers, crematorium workers and sewer workers.

Although the walkout should have ended early yesterday, thousands of strikers — who demand a 40 per cent pay hike on their average £45 a week pay — stayed off the job. Their unions threatened continued "guerrilla action" of lightning walkouts designed to make life as disagreeable as possible for the rest of the country.

Most of London's 3,000 striking ambulance crew members returned to the job yesterday — but only to answer emergency calls.

But in Liverpool 800 ambulance men decided not to resume normal working unless they are paid for Monday's walkout.

Prime Minister James Callaghan and senior cabinet ministers met yesterday to review the crisis. Government officials said they decided once again not to proclaim a state of emergency, arguing it would not increase food supplies and might aggravate the situation.

But the London "Evening News" said a state of emergency may be proclaimed today.



Mickey Henney, 62, Ontario member of Parliament, takes a breather between rounds during a three-round match with a 38-year-old columnist from the "Toronto Sun." Henney, who boxed in the 1936 Olympics, had challenged writer Claire Hoy to the match after Hoy called all politicians "jerks" in his column. (UPI telephoto)

Scattered fighting continues in portions of Cambodia

BANGKOK (AP). — Units of the toppled Cambodian regime continued to put pressure on a Vietnamese garrison in the country's second largest city, Battambang, and staged some raids in the vicinity of the capital, Phnom Penh, reliable Thai and western sources said yesterday.

The sources said that Battambang, a northwestern provincial capital, was in the hands of the Vietnamese and the size of the Cambodian forces near the city was not known. The fighting near Phnom Penh, the sources said, appeared to

be on a limited scale, possibly quick raids by small units.

There were sketchy reports of some of the attacks coming from the direction of Takeo to the south of Phnom Penh, where fighting also had been reported. But Thai sources said that there were indications of Cambodian attacks against sections of Highway 5, which leads out of Phnom Penh to the northwest.

Both the Cambodian resistance and the new regime in Phnom Penh yesterday used reports by international media to back up their propaganda stands.

BACKGROUND REPORT/Ian Black

The making of a terrorist

The mysterious remote-controlled explosion that killed Ali Salameh in Beirut on Monday afternoon removed a major leader from the ranks of the Palestinian terrorist organizations.

News of his death, foreign sources reported, caused near-panic among terrorist leaders in Lebanon and among delegates attending the Palestine National Council meeting in Damascus. Fatah leader and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat was reportedly visibly shaken by the killing of his personal security expert and close friend.

The elegant, high-living terrorist, married to a Lebanese beauty queen and often dubbed "Arafat's playboy cop," was, so to speak, born into the business.

His father was Hassan Salameh, the infamous Palestinian gang leader in the disturbances of 1938-1939. Together with the mufli of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el-Husseini, Salameh fled to Nazi Germany in 1940 via Iraq. The Germans parachuted him back into the country in October 1941 in an attempt to reorganize Arab resistance to the British and the Yishuv. He died in a battle with the IDF in 1948.

His father's death had special importance to Ali Salameh. He once told an English-language Beirut weekly: "I grew up in a family which considered struggle a matter of heritage. When my father fell as a martyr, Palestine was handed over to my care, so to speak."

Born near Lod in 1940, Salameh grew up in Cairo and was educated at the Sorbonne in Paris. He joined the Fatah after the 1967 war and soon became its "finance minister," reportedly amassing considerable personal wealth in the course of his work. Later, under the code-name Abu Hassan, he headed the group's espionage department and in the early 1970s took charge of the "Black September" group that was created after King Hussein killed hundreds

of Palestinians and drove the terrorists out of Jordan.

Salameh is credited with the planning of a long list of terrorist actions. These include the dispatching of bombs to Israeli diplomats and Jewish figures abroad, the hijacking of the Sabena jet to Lod in May 1972, the slaughter at Lod Airport (led by jailed Japanese Red Army terrorist Koza Okamoto) later that month, the murder of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics in September 1972, and the November 1971 murder of Jordanian Premier Wasfi Tel in Cairo.

In 1973 it was widely reported that, in the search for Salameh, Israeli agents mistakenly killed the wrong man — a Moroccan waiter called Ahmad Bouchikhal — in the Norwegian resort town of Lillehammer. The death of Mahmoud Hamshari, the PLO representative in Paris in October 1972 — killed by a bomb triggered by a telephone signal — also moved Salameh to step up his personal security precautions.

He was a shadowy figure who shunned publicity, preferring near-anonymity to cloak his activities. He is believed to have regularly changed cars, apartments and daily routines so as to avoid the risk of an attack like the one that killed him on Monday.

After the 1973 war Salameh became the PLO's chief security officer in Lebanon, responsible largely for counter-espionage and tracing enemy agents who had infiltrated the organization — as well as for Arafat's personal security. He was also in charge of the war Fatah waged against Iraqi officials and diplomats in the summer of 1978, following the killing of PLO representatives in England, France and Kuwait.

The death of Ali Salameh will doubtless force other PLO leaders to tighten their personal security measures. But it remains to be seen whether they will grasp the fact that terror is a double-edged sword.

How Rosalynn Carter met mass murder suspect

CHICAGO (Reuter). — The U.S. Secret Service yesterday was checking into a security lapse which allowed President Jimmy Carter's wife Rosalynn to be photographed with John Gacy, who has been accused of one of the worst mass murders in U.S. history.

The "Chicago Sun-Times" on Monday published a picture of Mrs. Carter shaking hands with Gacy at a

private reception here last May. Yesterday the paper published a second picture of them.

A Secret Service spokesman said an advance security check by Democratic Party workers failed to disclose that Gacy had served 18 months in jail in 1968 for sodomy. He was charged this month with the murder of seven youths and has confessed to killing 25 others, according to police.

New Tanzania, Uganda clashes

DAR ES-SALAAM, Tanzania (UPI). — Heavy fighting was reported yesterday along the border between Tanzania and Uganda, where the two East African neighbours fought a costly two-week war last year.

A communique issued in Dar Es-Salaam said Ugandan forces had attempted to invade Tanzania Saturday at three points along their 160-km. border west of Lake Victoria. "Fighting continues," the communique said. Uganda Saturday ac-

cused Tanzanian forces of crossing the border, but later said the attack had been repulsed.

The two countries fought a bit-and-run war for two weeks last November, devastating the Kagera Salient of northwestern Tanzania. It had been one of the most productive agricultural areas of the country. Ugandan President Idi Amin's troops then occupied 1,800 square km. for two weeks, until pressure from friendly countries forced them to withdraw.

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the other Arabs that he is not walking out on them, not concerning himself merely with the Sinai.

"The coming period in the negotiations will be affected by the impact of events around us, and that won't make things any easier or any simpler," Dayan said.

The events in Iran would also influence Israel's stance in the negotiations: "Israel would have to be more careful now to ensure that it had a proper substitute for the oil wells it would lose in the Sinai."

"Israel would be more circumspect towards 'the kind of regimes that depend on one man — whether Jordan, Egypt or Saudi Arabia.' Israel would need to be built on a 'nation-to-nation' basis, on the basis of relations between individuals of the two nations."

Israel's self-defence considerations would become even more crucial. These dictated more Israeli settlements in the Jordan Valley, and more settlers in the existing settlements. There were "too few" at the moment. The settlements there should be sited "in a more compact way." The same applied, Dayan said, "to the Gaza Strip and Samaria... We have to think seriously about where we are going to be.

about the shape of the country and how we are going to defend ourselves. This is the only answer I know, and I believe the majority of the country (supports it). We just have to stay along the Jordan River, and in the Golan and in Gaza."

Dayan said that, just as Israel must realize that events in the region "make it much more difficult" for Sadat to conclude the peace treaty, so too Sadat must realize that these same events mean for Israel the need to face up to "new challenges."

While praising the U.S. role in the negotiations, Dayan faulted Washington for failing to support Israel's actions against the PLO in Lebanon. "No one else will take care of us — and that includes the UN," Dayan said. "The UNIFIL contingents were sent by their countries with the best of motivations. But they can't provide a proper defence for us."

Israel for its part was "more than willing, if the U.S. asks us, directly or indirectly, for any kind of partnership in the region... to help them (the Americans) carry out their policy in this part of the world," even though that policy was not always identical with Israel's own. Israel saw itself as "part of a bigger party — the western world," and as such was ready to play its role.

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racial and, ultimately, political problems such as the sensitive issue of settlement.

In a discussion with The Post, Glass elaborated on the options facing his commission.

The first is not to do anything that radically affects the status quo. This would be the least desirable (although not the most improbable) decision as far as the Israelis of Arad, Dimona, and Mizpe Ramon and the Blacks themselves are concerned.

An alternative is to remove the Blacks from their congested quarters and disperse them throughout Israel. But this, too, is unacceptable to the group as it does not take into account their communal life style.

A third possibility is to deport them from Israel. This is the least probable option as expulsion would almost certainly provoke protests here and abroad. "As a Jew, I find it difficult to accept that our people be suffered for generations because they were a strange minority would behave in such a fashion," says Glass.

The final option is to give the Black Hebrews the agricultural settlement they first asked for in 1971.

The Post has learned that the Glass Commission is in fact likely to recommend this. Glass himself is said to have reached an agreement with sect leader Ben-Ami Carter that, in exchange for the establishment of a settlement, and the rights and privileges of Israeli residency, Carter would guarantee that no new members would be allowed to join the group.

Underlying the commission's approach is an acute awareness of the racial ramifications of the problems, which transcend Israel's borders and affect relations between the Black and Jewish communities in the U.S.

The Israeli government's position — or lack of one — has prompted charges of discrimination and racism by the Black Hebrews and their American supporters. The deportation of illegal immigrants and the harassment of innocent Black tourists who were suspected of

planning to join the sect have fuelled anti-Israel sentiment in the American media, which have generally portrayed the Black Hebrews as a harmless group who want to exercise their rights as Jews and live in Israel.

The government is sensitive to the nuances of the problem in the U.S. and Glass has met with representatives of American Jewish organizations as part of his commission's inquiry.

Bernard Resnikoff, the local representative of the American Jewish Committee, says: "It is proper for a sovereign state to think through the international implications of its decisions."

In Israel, sympathy for the plight of the sect has been diminished by their steadily mounting demands for the privileges of legal residence without a willingness to assume the concomitant obligations.

It seems clear that the Black Hebrews are not interested in serving in the army, attending government schools, paying taxes, or abiding by public health regulations.

Several Israeli officials interviewed by The Post say that they suspect criminal behaviour within the secretive cult, doubt their loyalty to the state and would like to see them deported immediately.

Glass, who opposes expulsion, mentions the legal problem that this would create. "Many of the Black Hebrews have unilaterally renounced their American citizenship and have destroyed their passports in certain cases. Technically, they are stateless and expulsion begs the question, 'Where to?'"

Not back to the United States. At least not the 66 sect members who have formally renounced their American citizenship at the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv. (Destroying passports is irrelevant and insufficient for forfeiting citizenship. According to a senior consular official at the embassy, the United States is not at all reluctant to take back anyone who has not renounced his citizenship.)

But the stateless blacks are

not in favour of comparisons with Guyana," he says. "That kind of talk can only reinforce such a process."

Moreover, others note, there are similar sects within Judaism, and nobody is suggesting that these are potentially dangerous groups.

If the Black Hebrews are given their own settlement the state will be quite capable of controlling what goes on inside, he says.

If the settlement proposal is adopted, each member or family would be interviewed before being issued an identity card. "If anyone does wish to leave the group or has complaints about mistreatment, that would be the time to act," Glass says. He adds that any solution would have to include an "educational programme" as well, without elaborating.

Glass is also not specific about the group's practice of polygamy. He asserts that if they became citizens "the Black Hebrews would be subject to the state's laws, unless the laws were changed to adapt to the group's practices."

The commission has apparently already concluded its inquiry. Within a few weeks it will submit its recommendations to the Minister of Interior.

Certainly it is faced with a dilemma. A recommendation for a settlement would open a hornet's nest of problems. There would be criticism from various quarters about such allocation of land and resources. There would be fears about isolation of a strange cult. There would be serious questions of permitting a group to live in Israel which in its internal behaviour contravenes the law — as in the practice of polygamy — and the general mores of the society, however widely defined.

This, of course, has been the case until now, because of government indecisiveness. With a settlement, the government would officially sanction the cult and its behaviour patterns.

And if, as some officials suspect, the moderate political adopted by the group in the last few months is only an expedient ruse to help ad-

A SETTLEMENT FOR THE CULT?

vanche the settlement aim, there would also be considerable political embarrassment for Glass, the commission and the government. If after the aim was achieved, Black Hebrew leaders would in future again be tempted to resume their charges against the State and the legitimacy of Zionism.

On the other hand, the commission certainly feels the pressure of the residents of Dimona and Arad, who want the Blacks removed. They will no longer permit the Ministry of Interior to pursue its favourite nothing policy.

And it feels the pressure of the Blacks, who also find their present circumstances intolerable.

Plainly therefore the question of the Black Hebrews can no longer be ignored. The government will be compelled to deal with it at the highest level.

Oddly, however, it will be asked upon to consider granting support and legitimacy to a cult which shares the fundamental characteristics — as listed only this week in the "New York Times" — of most cults now under increasing suspicion in the U.S.:

1. They have a charismatic leader who says he has been given new, exclusive revelations about God or reality. Those who do not believe are considered not only wrong, but evil.
2. The leader creates a family, often a communal living arrangement. Members often take new names when they join and sever ties with their families.
3. The leader sets absolute rules, not necessarily following them himself.
4. The group has an apocalyptic world view, in which moral rules may be discarded in the service of the leader.
5. Certain behaviour-control techniques are practised, usually in a setting isolated from the outside world. Members see the techniques as a religious regimen. Outsiders call them brainwashing.

The oddity is the price the present government will have to pay for the failures of its predecessors — but Dr. Burg, the Interior Minister, will not have even such an excuse.

(This is the concluding article in this fire-part series.)

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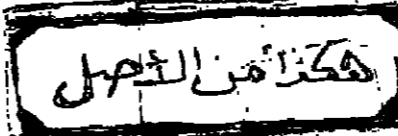
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In 1971, when the Shah's control over Iran seemed absolute, he celebrated the 2,500th anniversary of the founding of the Persian Empire with an impressive gathering of foreign dignitaries at Persepolis, where the figures above stand guarding what was the gatehouse of Xerxes, who did not live to see his empire crumble.

Rout of gout

A DOCTOR'S NOTEBOOK/Dr. David Samson

I HAVE WRITTEN before about medical problems which require daily treatment for the rest of a patient's life, although he may never have experienced any ill-effects from the underlying condition — "treatment before symptoms."

Michael woke up suddenly in the middle of the night with an exquisite pain in the big toe of his left foot. It was red, swollen and extremely tender to the touch. In addition, he felt nauseated, hot and shivery.

When I saw him early the next morning, the story of what had happened and my examination made me suspect that this was an acute attack of gout, and I immediately prescribed a drug known to have a specific beneficial action in this situation.

Within a few hours his symptoms began to markedly subside and laboratory tests confirmed that he did, indeed, have gout. The results also suggested that it would be worth putting him on daily treatment aimed at preventing any further such attacks.

ALTHOUGH many people associate gout with indulgent life styles, the condition is not uncommon in people leading somewhat more humdrum lives. Middle-aged men are the commonest age group affected.

Untreated, gout can lead to a progressive crippling disease of the joints and can cause severe kidney damage. Fortunately, recent medical advances have radically changed all this, and with modern treatment the disabling and disfiguring complications of gout are now almost a thing of the past.

Symptoms of gout can arise if the level of a substance called uric acid increases significantly in the blood stream. Because of the build-up, some of the uric acid may precipitate out of the blood, in the form of tiny crystals, into a joint, the big-toe being a particularly "popular" site.

It is this, and the inflammatory reaction which promptly ensues, that is responsible for the features of an acute attack of gout. Without therapy the attacks may become more frequent, affecting several joints and, eventually, a progressive painful arthritis may set in. Uric acid may also be deposited, sometimes visibly, in soft tissues and in the kidneys, leading to further disability.

NORMALLY, we all produce a certain amount of uric acid in our bodies, either as a breakdown product of purines, derived from certain foods, or from other chemical processes. People with a tendency to develop gout produce either too much uric acid or fail to get rid of it quickly enough through the kidneys, or both. This allows higher levels of uric acid than normal to build up in the blood.

Hereditarily it is believed to be responsible, too, but otherwise the reason for the uric acid increase is still not well understood. Certain drugs are known to cause this to happen and doctors have to be careful in prescribing such drugs to gout patients. They may even have to give anti-gout treatment to non-gout patients while they are on such treatment, to prevent an acute attack.

Drugs that can treat the acute attacks have been available for a long time, but these in themselves, do not prevent subsequent attacks. Other drugs which work by increasing the rate of uric acid excretion via the kidneys do that, and certainly these usually have a beneficial, if somewhat unpredictable, effect on the course of the disease.

Since the early 1960s, though there has been a revolution in the treatment of gout with the discovery of the drug allopurinol, which prevents the production of uric acid in the body by neatly blocking its synthesis at an essential point. Allopurinol is generally a very safe treatment and its advent has all

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but banished the presence of progressive gouty disease. Previous dietary restrictions imposed on gout sufferers not to eat foods containing high amounts of purines such as sardines, liver and turkey meat — have largely been eliminated. Gout sufferers, however, are still usually advised not to drink excessive amounts of alcohol or to become overweight, but this is sensible advice for everyone.

THE PROLIFERATION of automated laboratory tests in recent years has meant that many people are found, incidentally, to have higher-than-normal levels of uric acid in their blood without ever having experienced any of the symptoms of gout.

The question of whether to start daily drug treatment in such circumstances is often a tricky one because, left untreated, not all such patients will develop gout. Usually those with particularly high uric acid levels are advised to take regular medication and the others are re-examined periodically to check their condition.

Other known cases of gout in the family may also tilt the balance in favour of initiating treatment. So, thanks to modern pharmacological research, many gout sufferers now lead completely symptom-free lives with a condition which might otherwise have had devastating effects.

Changed days indeed from the many and bizarre treatments which physicians of the past prescribed for gout. One practitioner in the Middle Ages is known to have recommended "a fat goose stuffed with chopped kittens, lard, incense, wax and flour of rye."

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Dire warning against corruption of Hebrew

By BENNY MORRIS/Jerusalem Post Reporter

POET Moshe Ater warned Sunday that if the Hebrew language continues to decline at its present rate, through negligence and other forms of corruption, real Hebrew will become a "Sabbath language" of prayer and esoteric theology.

English, he said, will be the parlance of the country's upper class, while Arabic would be spoken by the lower classes, thus hardening class differences along linguistic lines.

Dr. Ater was speaking to a gathering of Hebrew-language enthusiasts at the president's residence yesterday. Vaunting muscular as well as flowery prose, he berated the assimilation by the Israeli street of such words as "hello," "okay," "yasha," and "chance."

President Yitzhak Navon, no mean Hebraist himself, though somewhat easier on the archaisms, did not concur with Ater's vision of a linguistic Armageddon. "Even if you heard that Israeli pupils find English extremely difficult," he chided the previous speaker.

Nor should we fear the revival of Ladino and Yiddish as Ater seemed to said Navon. "This isn't the 1920s and we are no longer fighting a 'war of languages,'" he argued, referring to the quarrel in the Yishuv in which educators struggled over the teaching of high school sciences in Hebrew.

But Navon also attacked the flood of anglicisms penetrating every walk of Israeli life. "Many are completely unnecessary," he said. "Why must a shop be called 'Boutique Adam and Eve' instead of 'Boutique Adam Vahava'?" he asked.

Nevertheless, many words adopted from foreign tongues are natural and necessary, he stressed. No language can prosper in isolation. Navon was more critical of lapses in diction and correct pronunciation among the public. "Somehow our rebish is swallowed up as it curls about the tongue and emerges from between the teeth. Our *alephs* and *heys*, through laziness, emerge garbled and indistinct," he fumed. But the worst offences, by far, were committed upon the guttural *hets* and *ayins*.

Ashkenazi Jews, he asserted, made no effort to assimilate correct

Irreparable damage to Iran's economy

The coming collapse

BY JOE ALEX MORRIS JR./Washington Post News Service

TEHRAN. — This country is on the verge of financial collapse and something approaching panic has seized American and other foreign banks which have heavy obligations here.

The political crisis that has gone on for more than a year has left the country, in the words of one foreign Service spokesman, "a shambles."

The security of oil exports, the lifeblood of the country's economy, have been totally cut since the summer of 1972, a day when the country's ports were shut by the Islamic revolutionaries.

IRAN HAS contracted for military goods and services worth \$95 million from the U.S. alone over the next three years. Normally, it buys another \$50 million worth of American goods and services as well every year, although in the present situation this is likely to fall sharply.

If the political impasse continues, some experts think that up to 500,000 American jobs could be affected, plus another 200,000 in Britain. One specific case: the Hillman automobile firm in England, a Chrysler subsidiary, has already laid off 1,500 men because of the impossibility of delivering parts for the Iranian-assembled Peykan automobile.

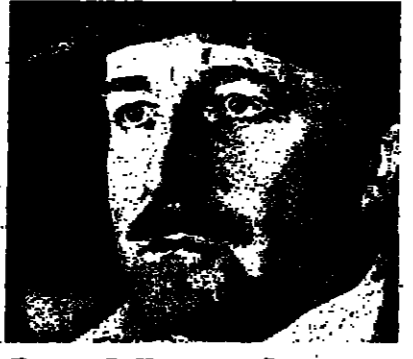
The situation is equally chaotic on the domestic financial scene. The government is suffering a severe liquidity crisis with the Central Bank not functioning properly and people ranging from businessmen to ordinary souls hoarding what money they have and not putting it back into the system.

The government has printed \$70 million of money, and cut reserve requirements of local banks by roughly 10 per cent to ease the crisis. But businessmen remain wary of the banking system, particularly with the government shying and strikers calling for nationalization, not only of Iranian but also foreign banks.

Bankers here are hoping for a quick resolution of the political crisis. If the government of Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar lingers on, they say, the situation will only get worse.

Meanwhile Dreyfus, released from the insane asylum, and reinstated as chief inspector, is delirious with joy until he is asked to deliver the eulogy at his rival's funeral, one of the most hilarious scenes in the film. Clouseau's faithful Chinese houseboy, Kato (Burt Kwok), never more than a karate chop away, also savours his moment of glory when he learns his boss has died. He converts Clouseau's apartment into an oriental boudoir.

AS EVER, De-Patie Freling's opening and closing animated sequences and Henry Mancini's popular theme song are perfect bookends for Blake Edwards' fifth instalment of the Pink Panther. Though Edwards has abandoned comedy for slapstick, with the demolishing of furniture probably one of the film's greatest expenditures, Peter Sellers' fake French accent, has remained as phoney as ever, and one can only hope that this "cat" will live to 120.



Peter Sellers as Inspector Clouseau.

Comic cat

CINEMA Ruth Ariella Brody

agrees to a midnight rendezvous with the French Connection on a deserted country road.

In a last-minute mixup, the trademark of all of the Pink Panther's madcap adventures, Clouseau is saved and a transvestite parolee wanted by the police is the



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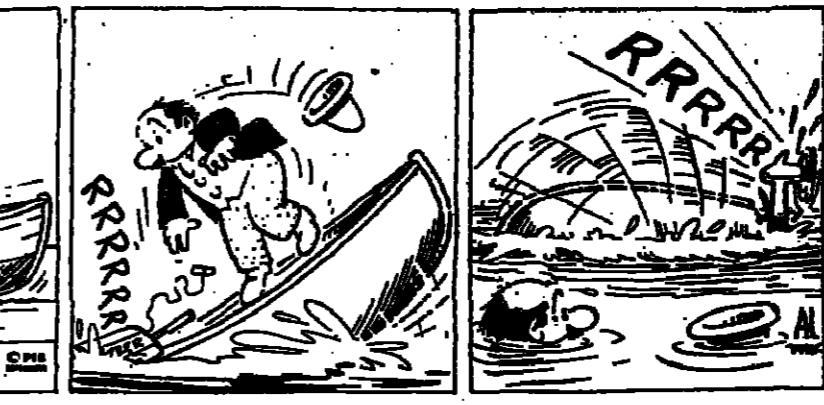
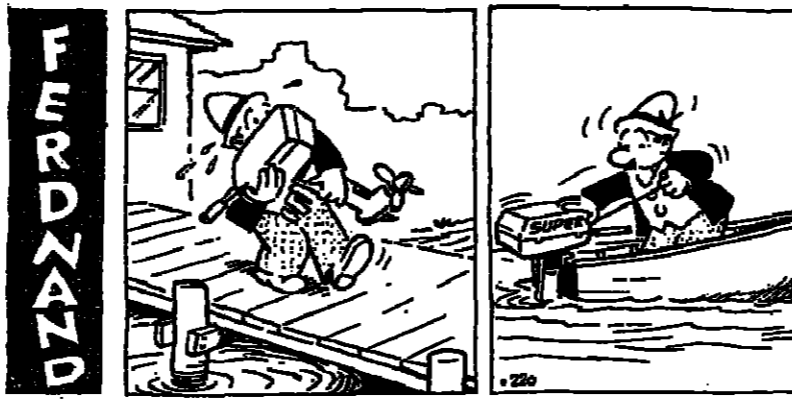
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SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE TOMORROW

Acting in desperation

WHEN VOLUNTARY civic action fills a minor gap between social needs and the ability of central or local government to supply them, this can often buttress democracy. But when civic action, by the leading economic organizations of a country, is directed towards areas that are the central responsibility of government, this signifies the bankruptcy of governmental policy.

Hevrat Ovdim, the holding company of the Histadrut's economic empire, has now joined the private sector employers' organizations, led by the Manufacturers' Association, in declaring a price freeze for the next three months. Coming on the heels of the agreement between the employers and the Histadrut's trade union department for the payment of a cost-of-living allowance advance in January — an agreement reached without the blessing of Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich — this latest voluntary action signifies that the producers, the wholesalers, the financial institutions and the workers of the country have come to the conclusion that they cannot wait for the government to combat inflation, but must take action on their own.

No criticism of government policy on inflation can be more damning than this voluntary action. The bland assurances of Prime Minister Begin, in yesterday's meeting with the representatives of the manufacturers, that the government has been doing, is doing and will do all it can to fight inflation, are no more reassuring than Mr. Ehrlich's statement that his office is preparing a whole series of new economic measures.

If these measures had been prepared long ago, or at least as a background to the budget proposal, there would have been no need for the business sector to take action on its own. Laudable as the business sector's initiative is, as a serious attempt to dampen the fever of inflationary expectations it can, by itself, be little more than a feeble attempt at changing the atmosphere. The manufacturers' president, Buma Shavit, was the first to recognize that and claimed no more.

A freeze on prices, such as has now been declared by the business sector, requires mechanisms of control and supervision. This the business sector does not have. Even if all Histadrut enterprises scrupulously obey the policy laid down by Hevrat Ovdim, even if all leading manufacturers heed their president's appeal and refrain from raising prices; none of these has control over the retail market.

And no one but the central government can reduce aggregate demand by cutting its own expenditure and siphoning off some of the purchasing power that makes it possible for sellers to raise their prices without anyone losing sales and without a rise in unemployment.

Mr. Ehrlich, some time ago, declared that the public has too much money in its pockets. Buma Shavit on Monday called, correctly, for a freeze on private consumption. But to freeze private consumption, which rises with the level of private income, the Treasury would have to raise taxes.

Mr. Ehrlich has shrunk back from the idea of raising direct taxes. He, and his advisors, continue to toy with plans to raise indirect taxes and to cut subsidies to consumption — both with a cost-increasing impact.

On direct taxes they are considering withholding income tax at source from maternity allowances, reserve duty payments and work accident compensation paid by the National Insurance.

Justified as such deductions may be in principle — income being taxable whatever its source — they are hardly the answer to reducing aggregate demand. Nor do they represent the ultimate in equity. They are, like other measures this government is prone to, a half-hearted attempt to make the poor and middle-income groups pay for the excesses of the affluent.

The Treasury, despite its conservative predilections, will have to take the plunge into taxing the affluent much more heavily.

Mr. Ehrlich will sooner or later also have to swallow another so-called liberal tenet. Since none of the policies that can effectively reduce inflation can prevent the erosion of export profitability, he will have to go back to one or the other form of direct subsidies to exports. Any attempt to keep exports on an even keel by letting the value of the pound slide will only drive up domestic costs.

But, committed as he is to the panaceas he has propounded since he assumed responsibility for managing the nation's economy, it is doubtful whether Mr. Ehrlich will be able to change course.

Not only the Likud will be forced to pay the price for that.

CABINET AND ATHERTON

(Continued from page 1)

Israel an agreed letter, alongside its earlier legal note to Egypt, in which it would clearly state that Egypt could legitimately go to the aid of another Arab state at war with Israel only if the war resulted from unprovoked Israeli aggression.

Much of the negotiations with Atherton during the past week has focused on this letter, with the Israeli side airing its anxieties over possible scenarios in which the "aggression" might be open to divergent, subjective readings, and the U.S. envoy, in constant consultation with Washington, amending and elaborating the proposed letter-text to take care of these Israeli concerns.

Still left unresolved for the present is the last outstanding textual issue, Article 6 (ii), which states that the peace treaty is to be independent of "any external instrument." Israel holds that this severs the treaty from any operative linkage to the Camp David "Framework for Peace," the document which outlined the projected Palestinian autonomy plan.

Egypt argues that the Camp David "Framework," cited extensively in the preamble of the peace treaty, cannot be considered an "external instrument."

The Israeli negotiators, backed by Begin and the cabinet, refused to budge on this point, which Israel feels goes to the heart of the "linkage" question.

Israeli sources said yesterday that they hoped and expected an Egyptian concession on this issue, in return for the two Israeli concessions on Article 4 and Article 6 (v).

In any event, Article 6 (ii) will now be taken up at the next stage of the negotiations, which will probably be held on ministerial level during next month. Those negotiations will, in fact, dwell entirely on the "linkage" question, which comprises the three remaining issues still unresolved and holding up the conclusion of the treaty: Article 6 (ii), the "target date" letter on the autonomy elections, and the exchange of ambassadors, which Egypt wants delayed until the autonomy is set up, at least in Gaza.

A FRIEND IN HIGH PLACES

Post Washington correspondent WOLF BLITZER examines the reputation of Frank Church, new chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and finds cause for Israel to be optimistic.

WASHINGTON. — Senator Frank Church (D-Idaho), the new chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is going to try to strengthen the role of his panel in the shaping of U.S. foreign policy. And that will have important implications for Israel and the Middle East.

Church, who gained a reputation as a strong supporter of Israel during the battle last year with the Carter Administration over the sale of F-15 fighters to Saudi Arabia, wants to see the committee speak more independently and effectively than it did during the four-year term of the former chairman, Senator John Sparkman (D-Ala.), who has just retired.

Sparkman could generally be counted on by a White House — run by either Republican Gerald Ford or Democratic Jimmy Carter — to support the direction of administration's foreign policy.

This was in stark contrast to Sparkman's predecessor, former Senator J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), who was defeated in 1974 by Senator Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.) in a Democratic party primary.

Fulbright was the Senate's leader almost from the start in the fight against U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war.

IT NOW APPEARS that Church would like to partially emulate Fulbright's role as a watchdog chairman. Church wants the committee to challenge the administration when necessary, not merely to serve as a rubber stamp.

Thus, their styles may be similar but, fortunately for Israel, Church and Fulbright have quite different views on U.S. policy in the Middle East. In his day, Fulbright was regarded as Israel's Number One nemesis in the Senate.

"From time to time, the committee has played an extremely important role in the history of this country," Church said in an interview earlier this month. "I want to see the committee play such a role again."

In practical terms, this means that Church will have greater say in shaping U.S. policy on a wide variety of issues, including the Middle East, before it is articulated by the President. To this end, Church and the committee will probably get involved in some major long-range policy studies in the hope that the final reports could serve as possible blueprints for future U.S. action.



Senator Frank Church

SINCE TAKING OFFICE two years ago, President Carter and his administration have had a virtually free hand in formulating U.S. policy toward the Middle East. Often, the President did not even bother to consult with the Congress on certain sensitive foreign policy decisions.

To some degree, this was the result of a weak chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, but Church is likely to give the president a lot of trouble. By seeking his advice in advance, Carter could avoid some headaches.

Sparkman, while not as hostile towards Israel as Fulbright, was not considered especially friendly either. He usually went along with whatever policy statement was articulated by Carter. He voted, for instance, with the administration on the controversial Middle East aircraft package sale last year — a vote that has come to serve as a sort of barometer among pro-Israel circles in determining the actual degree of a senator's support for Israel.

IN SIZING UP the various advantages and disadvantages for Israel in terms of the new-look Foreign Relations Committee, the first big plus is the new chairman. This should become even more apparent on February 1, when Church is scheduled to make his first major foreign policy address in his new capacity.

According to his aides, the subject will be U.S. policy in the Middle

East, and friends of Israel will not be disappointed.

Later in February, Church will receive an award in New York from B'nai Zion and the American-Israel Friendship League as their "Man of the Year."

One unknown factor will be the role played by the new staff director of the committee, William B. Bader, a former Defense Department policy official and a former Foreign Relations Committee aide.

Bader, 47, was hired by Church. The two men worked closely during the Senator's 1975 investigation into charges of abuse by the U.S. intelligence community. There is no doubt that Bader will be Church's top foreign policy adviser on substantive issues.

THERE WILL also be some new faces on the committee. Missing will be the late Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.), who died last year and was replaced briefly on the panel by his wife, Mrs. Muriel Humphrey (D-Minn.). She did not seek election last November. Also missing will be Sen. Clifford Case (R-N.J.), who was defeated in a Republican Party primary last year.

Case, who was the ranking Republican on the committee, and Humphrey, were among Israel's most ardent supporters in Congress. Their influential voices were often crucial in ensuring passage of a particular bill affecting Israel.

And their views were respected by presidents and secretaries of state.

Other faces, considered less sympathetic to Israel, will also be missing, including Senators Robert Griffin (R-Mich.) and James Pearson (R-Kansas), who both voted in favour of the aircraft package and were at times critical of Israel.

On the other hand, Senator Dick Clark (D-Iowa), who lost his bid for re-election, was developing a reputation last year as a solid supporter of Israel. He voted against the plane sales.

RETURNING to the 15-member committee will be Senators Joseph Biden (D-Del.), Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), George McGovern (D-S.Dak.), John Glenn (D-Ohio), Richard Stone (D-Fla.), Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.), Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.), Howard Baker (R-Tenn.) and Charles Percy (R-Ill.).

The new Democratic members of the committee will be Edward Muskie (D-Maine) and Edward Zorinsky (D-Nebraska), both of

Dry Bones



whom are solid supporters of Israel. (With the addition of Zorinsky, by the way, three of the seven Jewish senators will serve on the committee, the other two being Javits and Stone.)

Expected to join the committee on the Republican side are Senators S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.), Jesse Helms (R-N. Carolina) and Richard Lugar (D-Ind.), all three of whom voted with the administration on the arms package.

Nevertheless, on balance, pro-Israel congressional sources believe that this new committee line-up, with Church as chairman, is basically sympathetic towards Israel — perhaps even more so than during the last session of Congress.

WHETHER THIS optimistic assessment is realistic will become clear soon enough. Next month, the President is scheduled to submit to Congress a new foreign aid bill, with a large chunk of assistance for Israel and Egypt. First step in the lengthy process of translating that bill into law involves action by the committee, which will hold extensive hearings to consider the package.

And, as has often been the case during the past 20 years, the committee and congress will probably be called upon by Israel's friends to serve as a counterweight to certain administration policies opposed by Jerusalem. Given the ups and downs in the Washington-Jerusalem relationship, the test may come sooner than expected.

Israel's new ambassador, Ephraim Evron, knows Capitol Hill

— and many key lawmakers — well from his earlier tours of duty at the Washington Embassy.

In 1983, when he was first sent to Washington as second secretary, Evron was asked by Ambassador Abba Eban to focus primarily on the Congress in trying to win support for Israel.

BUT THE OTHER two embassy officials who regularly "work the Hill," Minister Hanan Bar-On and political counselor Zvi Rafiah, are both reported to be winding up their stay here and returning to Jerusalem next summer. A successor to Bar-On has already been found: Ya'acov Nechushtan, a former Herut MK and now a Tel Aviv attorney. His experience in American affairs, let alone in the inner workings of Congress, is limited.

So far, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan has not found a replacement for Rafiah who, during his years in Washington, has made many friends for Israel in the Congress. By all accounts, he has demonstrated an ability to deal with Americans. But it took him a long time to cultivate these people and to learn the ropes. Whoever replaces him will have to spend a long time repeating the process, understanding the nuances of Capitol Hill and the complicated legislative process.

It will not be easy for Evron to train both Nechushtan and Rafiah's replacement for this important assignment. Perhaps, under the circumstances, it would be a good idea to keep Rafiah in Washington for another year.

Back to the Stone Age

RABBI ALEXANDER CARLEBACH traces the roots of the religious-secular conflict in Israel and calls for moderation.

How should the religious Jew react to the breaking of the Law, such as the desecration of the Shabbat, by the non-religious? Says Leviticus 19:17: "You shall not hate your brother in your heart; reprove your fellow but incur no guilt because of him."

The duty of reproof is circumscribed by the warning that, in doing so, you may commit a sin yourself, by shaming him or by making him sin even more (see Rashi). The Talmud (Yevamoth 65b) therefore states that it is as much a religious duty to refrain from reproof when you know that the other side will not accept it, as it is a mitzva to reprove when it is likely to produce results. Two verses in Proverbs (9:7-8) say as much explicitly.

OUR SAGES also speak of the duty to protest (limchol) law-breaking (Shabbat 54b-55a; Sukkah 29b). But this duty depends on the likelihood of such protests being heeded. The well-known saying "kol yisrael avonim zeh ba-zeh" (Shavut 39a; Sanhedrin 27b), that all Jews bear

responsibility for each other, is also limited to those who could change things by their protest.

Conditions today are surely such — and have been for a long time — that rebukes and protests, let alone violence, have little chance of making an impression. Even in Rabbi Akiva's day leading rabbis complained that no one was fit either to rebuke or likely to accept rebuke. Spiritual leaders of the extremists who raise their voices against violence often do not succeed in restraining their own flocks. It is no use complaining that they don't write to the general press — they would only lose what influence they have in their own communities. The official rabbinate should, no doubt, be heard, but this would make little impression either way.

The Jewish community has not been uniformly observant for 2000 years. In the west the Orthodox have gradually become a minority. In Eastern Europe, the existence of great masses of the faithful somewhat obscured the fact that there too they had lost their majority. This was clearly shown by the elec-

tions in Poland and Lithuania between the wars. This historic change presented the Orthodox and the leaders with a tremendous challenge. Eclectic theological. Some of the leading 19th century rabbis already tried to come to grips with the problem.

In his masterly *Mishnato shel ha-Zav Kook* (1974) the late Zvi Yaron devoted the last chapter to tolerance in rabbinic thinking, that of Rabbi Kook in particular (an English translation of this chapter appeared in *Niv Hamidrashe*, 1969). Yaron describes the stresses which the wide-spread alienation from Jewish thinking and practice created in the mind and soul of this scholar and saint: on the one hand the pain and anger on seeing the sanctities of Judaism trod under foot in the Holy Land, and on the other the recognition of historic circumstances — by themselves to be regarded as willed by God — which out-dated all ancient and medieval reactions.

NOT VIOLENCE but only patient and gentle persuasion, education by religious and moral example, can bring back the lost sheep to the Great Shepherd's fold. "Let ever the left hand repulse and the right hand draw near" (Sanhedrin 107b). This saying of the sages expresses the way of Hillel: "to love and pursue peace, to love your fellow and bring him near to the Torah" (Avot 1, 12).

At the same time, Rabbi Kook, his heart filled with love for every Jew, wanted justice to be done to the new generation who, though estranged from halachic Judaism, were the builders of the new Zion and were passionately devoted to their people and its land. The great rabbis' teaching and example is as valid — and unheeded — today as it was in his lifetime.

The truth is that there is an unprecedented amount of Shabbat observance in the new Israel. I once heard the late Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog answer Diaspora critics of religious laxity in Israel by saying

that in the Diaspora one finds shammit Shabbat, (Shabbat observance whereas in Israel the observance of Shabbat (Sabbath desecrators). What is the general rule there, is the exception here. The Sabbath, as the official recognized day of rest, with the overwhelming majority of shops, factories, offices closed, with public services at a virtual standstill, is a hallmark of Jewish life in this country, a great *Kiddush ha-shem*, (sanctification of the Name) made possible only by the existence of the State created by Zionism.

Let the stone-throwers and their instigators reject the one and the other. They and others too, believe that they can segregate themselves in their neighbourhoods and opt out of Jewish society which surrounds them from every side. This is not only impossible, as the troubles show, but it is equally undesirable, and it is astonishing to read a responsible journalist (Aaron Sittner, *Jerusalem Post*, January 13) advocate such a "township" policy as a "solution." Judaism demands that all of us should live together, influence each other, love each other, and live in the spirit of the Shunamite's words, "I live among my people" (Kings II 4:13).

THE DEMAND of the hour is greater respect, greater tolerance and greater understanding between the religious and non-religious sectors. One is appalled by the lack of understanding shown by both sides in the conflict. What is needed is dialogue. Leaders have to explain and above all to teach restraint and tolerance. The media, for their part, have a duty to be objective, and must resist the temptation to sensationalize the conflict.

Let non-religious people show respect for the views and feelings of their observant neighbours, even at some inconvenience to themselves. Jews living in Britain would never hang out their washing on a Sunday. Above all the unfortunately silent majority among the religious should let it be known that the ways of Torah are the ways of pleasantness and peace. Let them demonstrate that they repudiate stone-throwing and tree-uprooting as un-Jewish and counter-productive.

Reasonable men of good will on both sides must break with ingrained ideas and strive with all their might for peaceful co-existence. The author is the editor of the religious journal "Niv Hamidrashe."

READERS' LETTERS

PEDIATRIC WARDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — After spending two days with my daughter in the pediatric wing of the Afula hospital, I can only say that I agree wholeheartedly with Professor Levin in his assessment of pediatric departments (January 15).

The noise in the ward was phenomenal. How can a person recuperate in such conditions? I must add that my daughter was in one of the quieter rooms — only five beds. Down the hall it was worse: people walking in and out of the rooms, yelling, slamming of doors, etc.

As for the dirt, they just cannot keep the ward clean, with cigarettes on the floor (there should be no smoking at all in the wards), people eating seeds and throwing them on the floor, even defecating on the floor.

The only high point of this awful experience was the behaviour of the nurses. How they can work under such frustrating conditions is incredible, but they were outstanding and helpful at every turn.

PATRICIA TAL
Kibbutz Ramat David.

GERMAN REPARATIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — May I commend you on your excellent editorial of January 12, "Treasury fires wrong salvo." The Treasury would do well to mark every single word you wrote there.

I say to the honourable gentlemen: keep your hands off the German restitution payments and look for a solution to this country's economic maladies in other quarters.

I call on all recipients of German restitution, who are concentration camp survivors, to raise their voices in strong protest against this preposterous idea.

TOVA KOHN
Tel Aviv.

"NIMROD"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Uri Avnery's advertisement of January 5 contains a misrepresentation. The book referred to, "Nimrod," is only by Yevi. Yevi was allowed to use photographs of Danziger's work by courtesy of the family after Danziger's death.

SONIA DANZIGER
Haifa.

CHOIR MARATHON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — We would like to thank your music critic for her kind words about our choir's performance, together with the Netanya Orchestra, of Handel's "Messiah" at the choir marathon on Christmas day.

We would also like to thank the many Government Tourist Office representatives whose hard work and good planning made this performance possible, as well as the previous evening's event in Manger Square in Bethlehem. Both events will remain lively memories for the choir and the audiences.

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GRADUATES' REUNION

A reunion of Shaarei Zedek Hospital's nursing school graduates will take place on Wednesday, February 14, 1979, at the new medical centre.
The get-together is being held within the framework of
Nurses' Day
and the
95th Birthday of Nurse Selma

All graduates are invited to participate in the different events, and are requested to be at the new centre in Bayit Vegan, Jerusalem (opposite Mt. Herzl), on Wednesday at 11.30 a.m.

Events will conclude at 5.00 p.m.
Please confirm attendance by calling, Tel. 02-225356, 02-225357.
No personal invitations have been sent out because of the lack of an updated address list.
Please regard this as a personal invitation.

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